SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 6

PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

PART VI

PROTECTION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Interpretation

1. In this Part of this Schedule—

"the Agency" means the Environment Agency; and

"plans" includes sections, drawings, specifications, calculations and descriptions.

Application of Water Resources Act 1991 and Land Drainage Act 1991

2. Nothing in this Order or in any enactment incorporated with or applied by this Order shall prejudice or affect the operation of section 109 of the Water Resources Act 1991 or any byelaws made under that Act or the Land Drainage Act 1991(1) in relation to anything done under or in pursuance of this Order.

Obstructions in rivers and watercourses: approval of plans

- 3. Before carrying out any works under the powers of this Order involving the erection or raising of any obstruction to the flow of any watercourse which is not part of a main river within the meaning of section 113 of the Water Resources Act 1991 or the construction, alteration or replacement of any culvert or any structure designed to contain or divert the flow of any such watercourse in, under or through any land held for the purposes of or in connection with the authorised works, the Council shall furnish to the Agency proper and sufficient plans of such works for the approval of the Agency and shall not carry out such works until those plans have been approved in writing by the Agency.
- **4.** The approval of plans furnished under paragraph 3 shall not be unreasonably withheld and if, within 56 days from the day that the plans are received by the Agency, the Agency does not indicate in writing its disapproval and the grounds of its disapproval, it shall be deemed to have approved the plans as received.

Maintenance of structures in watercourses

5. Any culvert or any structure designed to contain or divert the flow of any watercourse situated within any land held for the purposes of or in connection with the authorised works, whether constructed under the powers of this Order or in existence prior to the making of this Order, shall be maintained by the Council in good repair and condition and free from obstruction.

(1) 1991 c. 59.

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6. Nothing in paragraph 5 shall have the effect of requiring the Council to carry out works of maintenance in respect of any culvert or structure which the Agency or any other person is liable to maintain.

Remedying contraventions

7. If any obstruction is erected or raised or any culvert is constructed, altered or replaced in contravention of paragraph 2 or 3, or if the Council fails to maintain any culvert or structure as required by paragraph 5, the Council shall, upon receiving notice from the Agency, take such action as may be necessary to remedy the effect of the contravention to the Agency's satisfaction and in default the Agency may itself take such action as may be necessary and recover the expenses reasonably incurred by it in doing so from the Council as a debt due from the Council to the Agency.